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NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE: Shooting Incident in Spring Creek Neighborhood

The Carmel Police Department has created a video summary of the officer-involved shooting on July 27, 2020. This community briefing is designed to give an overview of the incident and includes relevant video, audio, and 911 recordings.

**WARNING – THIS VIDEO CONTAINS GRAPHIC IMAGES AND LANGUAGE.
VIEWER DISCRETION IS ADVISED.**

The video is available on our YouTube page and through this link:

<https://youtu.be/NFVkb27wC8Q>

Officer Shane VanNatter is the officer who was involved in the shooting. Officer VanNatter is assigned to the Carmel Police Department School Resource Unit and has 13 years of experience with CPD.

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Investigators have determined the three individuals involved in the July 27th shooting incident were arguing inside a residence in the 14300 block of Riverrock Ct. A 911 call was made during this argument expressing concern that the suspect, 26 year old Julio Cesar Virula, was armed with a gun and threatening suicide. The argument continued as the subjects went outside the residence. While on the 911 call, dispatchers heard gunshots and quickly relayed this information to responding officers. The first victim, 28 year old Taylor Cox, girlfriend of the suspect, was found in the 14300 block of Riverrock Ct. with multiple gunshot wounds. Ms. Cox was deceased. The second victim, a 66 year old female, was located a short distance north of the initial call location, also with multiple gunshot wounds. She was transported to a local hospital and later released.

Dispatchers received several 911 calls from other residents in the area. As these calls came in, dispatchers were able to provide responding officers with a location of the suspect. Once an officer located the suspect in the 5300 block of Rippling Brook Way, the suspect raised a gun towards the officer. That officer fired multiple shots with his patrol rifle at the suspect in an attempt to protect himself and any other potential victims. The suspect died at the scene. The suspect was in possession of a handgun at the time of his death. The autopsy showed that Julio Cesar Virula died of multiple gunshot wounds.

As part of our normal procedure, the Carmel Police Officer directly involved in the shooting has been temporarily reassigned until the administrative review of this incident is complete.

This investigation is ongoing.

We ask that anyone that may have witnessed this incident or has information or evidence, such as video surveillance recordings, please call our non-emergency dispatch telephone number at 317-571-2580.

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Further investigation determined this incident stemmed from a domestic situation that occurred prior to the suspect threatening suicide. The original 911 caller reported the suspect had a gun. During the call, dispatchers heard gunshots in the background. While officers were responding, there were additional 911 calls reporting gunshots. Upon arrival, officers found two victims with gunshots wounds. Officers located the suspect nearby and determined he was still armed. The suspect then led officers on a brief foot pursuit. In order to prevent any further danger to our community or officers, one officer discharged their service weapon. The suspect was pronounced deceased. The official cause of death is pending completion of an autopsy.

Investigators have identified the subjects involved as:

Victim: Taylor Leigh Cox, 28 years of age, Carmel (deceased)

Victim: Female, 66 years of age, Carmel (transported to hospital and later released)

Suspect: Julio Cesar Virula, 26 years of age, Carmel (deceased)

This investigation will continue for days and weeks to come. Our investigators will complete this investigation thoroughly and professionally.

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******Original Release from July 27, 2020******

Shooting Incident in Spring Creek Neighborhood

On Monday, July 27, 2020, at approximately 8:04 a.m., Carmel Police Department officers responded to a residence in the 14300 block of Riverrock Court regarding a subject threatening suicide. While officers were responding, information was provided that gunshots were fired and the person that fired the gunshots left the location. Upon arrival to the area, officers found two victims with gunshot wounds. Officers located the suspect nearby and one officer discharged their service weapon during the subsequent interaction. One victim and the suspect were pronounced deceased at the scene. The second victim was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Based upon the preliminary investigation, it was determined the suspect shot the two victims.

Investigators are in preliminary stages of conducting a professional and thorough investigation regarding the circumstances of this incident. Investigators are still in the process of notifying next-of-kin of the deceased and processing evidence. This is an ongoing investigation and no additional information is available to release at this time.

We ask that anyone with information or evidence, such as video surveillance recordings, that can help with the investigation of this incident please call our non-emergency dispatch telephone number of 317-571-2580 and ask to speak with an officer.

The Carmel Police Department would like to thank neighboring law enforcement agencies that assisted with our response to this incident and the Carmel Fire Department for their swift and efficient response.